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Elizabeth, 1742, Broad Overstrike Ruble

Broad Overstrike Ruble of 1742

By OLEG A. MASLENIKOV, Berkeley

A coin collection ever remains an eloquent record of historical events that form the heritage of a given state or peoples.

My own collection contains a few specimens of the broad overstrike rubles of Empress Elizabeth (1741-1761). These pieces show marks of an earlier design beneath the engraving of the eagle and the inscription on the reverse (see No. 4b); and on the obverse they carry traces of the superimposition of Elizabeth's bust over the image of another ruler (No. 4a). These coins testify to a dynastic struggle between the Miloslavsky and Naryshkin factions, the two branches of the family of Tsar Alexis Mikhailovich (1645-1676). Alexis' first wife, Maria (who died in 1669), was a Miloslavsky and thus a member of the older nobility; his second wife, Natalia, was a Naryshkin and thus came from the lesser gentry. The conflict, therefore, was a dynastic strife between the traditionalists, champions of the old, blooded nobility, on the one hand, and the backers of the lesser nobility, defenders of

the new order, on the other. Peter, a descendant of the Naryshkin line, became the symbol of the changing order.

In the struggle that ensued after Peter's death (Jan. 28, 1725), the anti-Petrine faction soon gained the ascendancy. By December 1741, however, with the accession of Elizabeth Petrovna to the throne, Peter's line won a decisive victory¹. The broad overstrike rubles of Elizabeth record this triumph.

The procession of monarchs who ruled Russia during the 37 years that separated the reign of Peter I from that of Catherine II (1762-1796) often appears confusing, even bewildering: Catherine I (1725-1727), Peter II (1727-1730), Anna (1730-1740), John III (1740-1741), Elizabeth (1741-1761), and Peter III (1761-1762). These are the men and women who nominally guided the destiny of the empire that Peter I had left behind him.

1. On his mother's side, Peter III, Elizabeth's successor and grandson of Peter the Great, also was a Naryshkin.

But who were these men and women whose likenesses have been preserved upon their coinage? What principles did they profess? What ideas did they hold? As historians have liked to point out, these "rulers" were for the most part misfits, miscast in their historic roles. They were either minors (Peter II, b. 1715; John, b. 1740); "incompetents" (Peter III); or — women, who too frequently were wont to pass the reins of government over to their favorites. In other words, each occupied the throne as a puppet representing one of the two warring factions.

A glance into the historical background of Peter's own accession to the throne may help explain the struggle that took place among his successors. Let us, therefore, turn the clock back to April and May 1682 when, following the death of the sickly descendant of the Miloslavsky line, Tsar Feodor (1676-1682), the 10-year-old Peter, as the only healthy male offspring of Tsar Alexis, was placed on the throne. Peter's ascension was patently a victory for the Naryshkin faction over the Miloslavskys. Owing to the opposition of the Miloslavskys and due to the abuses perpetrated by many of the relatives of the Dowager Tsaritsa Natalia, Peter's sovereignty soon was challenged. In May 1682 the *streltsy* (musketeers) staged a bloody rebellion in the palace and murdered many members of Tsaritsa Natalia's immediate family, as well as numbers of faithful adherents of the young tsar, before the boy's very eyes. As the result of this coup, the Miloslavsky faction emerged victorious and Ivan, Peter's stepbrother, was proclaimed co-tsar with Peter; and another member of the Miloslavsky line, the capable, energetic and ambitious Sophia, became regent.

How Peter eventually deposed his stepsister and became the sole ruler of Russia lies outside the province of the present paper. Be that as it may, Peter, upon returning to the throne as sovereign, showed himself to be a dynamic personality, bent on reforming Russia and determined to impose his reforms on his subjects regardless of opinion or cost. Small wonder then that he should have aroused considerable opposition. Although after 1689 much of the power of the Miloslavsky faction was

broken, its spirit lived on and was distinguishable in the opposition to Peter and his reforms.

When Peter died in January 1725 and failed to name his successor, his widow, the untutored Catherine, was proclaimed Empress over the "legitimate" candidacy of Peter's grandson by his first marriage, the boy, Peter Alexeevich. After Catherine's death in 1727, however, the 12-year-old boy, backed by one of Peter's henchmen, Prince Menshikov, was chosen to succeed Catherine. The fact that Menshikov's influence on the boy-tsar soon waned, and Menshikov was succeeded by a member of the older nobility, Prince Dolgoruky, showed that the balance of power had swung to the anti-Petrine forces. Another indication of this fact was the presence in Moscow of the nun, Elena, who as Evdokia Lopukhin became Peter's first wife and who as the grandmother of Peter II, now openly styled herself "Tsaritsa".

When Peter II suddenly died in 1730, he was succeeded by his step-aunt, Anna. Anna Ioannovna was the daughter of Peter's brother, John, and thus a Miloslavsky, and therefore a candidate of the anti-Petrine party. Anna was a widow and childless. Now interested in promoting the Miloslavsky line, she turned in her search for a successor to the ruling house of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, whose duke, Karl-Leopold, her sister, Catherine, had married in 1716. With this thought in mind, she had her sister's daughter, Elizabeth Catharine Christina, brought to Russia in 1733 and baptized "Anna" Leopoldovna. In 1739 Anna Leopoldovna married Anton Ulrich, a member of the ruling house of Braunschweig Luneberg, and in 1740 gave birth to a son. A few months afterward the Empress died and this child became John III (VI).

On Nov. 25, 1741 (old style) after a palace revolt, the infant John was dethroned and Elizabeth Petrovna proclaimed Empress. The throne thus had reverted to the Naryshkin line, to the daughter of Peter the Great and of his second wife, Catherine.

That the new ruling faction was aware of the significance of its victory may be seen in the speed with which Elizabeth attacked the symbol of her predecessor's power—his coinage! Already by the middle of December 1741, within a few weeks of Elizabeth's coming to power, coins

bearing her image were struck (No. 2). On Dec. 31, 1741 (old style), moreover, she issued a mildly worded Ukaze (No. 8494)² by which all the coins of the infant John were to be recalled from circulation within the next 12 months (see No. 1). These coins were to be "repaired" (i.e. scraped and resurfaced) and reissued with her own image and coat of arms thereon (No. 4).

Such is the origin of these broad overstrike rubles of 1742 (compare No. 4 with No. 3, a common variety of ruble). The fact that many of them still show the traces of another, earlier, pattern adds to their numismatic interest. I find a certain fascination in these coins, for they are living records of an historic past — testimony of the completion of the dynastic struggle between two rival factions for the succession to Peter's empire.

2. Both Chaudoir and Schubert incorrectly date the decree Dec. 18, 1741.

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There are about 2500 museums in the U.S. today, compared with approximately 600 in 1932.

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BERGEN AND McARTHUR

CSNA members who also are members of the American Numismatic Association will receive ballots shortly through the mail, listing candidates for various offices in the national organization. Among candidates for the 10 elective offices are two Californians. Herbert Bergen of Brea and Robert McArthur of Oakland.

For two years the Pacific Coast has not had an elected ANA officer to represent us. To remedy this, your state organization more than a year ago appointed a committee to look over possible candidates and make recommendations to the membership. As a result, at the Riverside convention business meeting in November of last year, members voted to support actively Herbert Bergen for second vice-president and Robert McArthur for board of governors of the ANA. A committee was appointed to work for the two selected candidates.

Both of these men have served the state, as well as local numismatic organizations, in many capacities down through the years. Herbert Bergen is a consulting petroleum geologist and Robert McArthur, a title company executive. Both are well qualified and will serve the national organization with distinction.

When your ANA ballot arrives, remember Bergen and McArthur, vote, and get your friends who are ANA members to vote. If a sizeable portion of California's ANA members vote for Bergen and McArthur, they will be elected.

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GOLD CACHE UNCOVERED

While workmen were leveling the northeast corner at the site of the new McClymonds High School track and field project in West Oakland in May, a bulldozer unearthed about 25 gold coins, all of \$20 denomination except two. The foundation area of an old Myrtle St. house was cache site. The coins had been buried in a glass jar.

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PHILIPPINE PESO DEVALUED

The Philippine peso was devalued in early June, by the Philippine Congress, from its unrealistic rate of two to the U.S. dollar. This was the first official change in the peso's value since the early days of former United States sovereignty.

United States Depression Scrip

A CATALOG, PERIOD OF THE '30s

By RALPH A. MITCHELL and CHARLES V. KAPPEN

CALIFORNIA

Continued from May

San Francisco

Natural Development Association, San Francisco Unit 1 x 2 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

The NDA, which obtained a three-story office and warehouse building at 1576 Market St., by Feb. 8, 1933, was putting the idle structure into shape. Headquarters was opened a few days later. W.D. Saunders, engineer and builder, was president. Thirty merchants had affiliated with the NDA exchange plan by Feb. 22 and Saunders announced that he expected 200 such affiliations. For listing and description of scrip, see Natural Development Association. Salt Lake City, Utah.

San Francisco

San Francisco Clearing House Association

Prior to Secretary of the Treasury William Woodin's provisional permit for scrip issuance, the San Francisco Clearing House Association had laid the groundwork for certificates. There were to be 250,000 notes of \$1 denomination, 250,000 of \$5, 300,000 of \$10, and 100,000 of \$20. Issue date was to be March 10. Because a new currency issue was planned by the Federal Reserve System, SFCHA committee members believed this would permit early reopening of the banks without the necessity for clearing house certificates. No issue was made. On the clearing house committee were Charles K. McIntosh, clearing house president; F.H. Colburn, secretary; Will F. Morrish, president of the Bank of America; E. Avenali, Crocker First National Bank; F.L. Lipman, Wells Fargo Bank and Union Trust Company; Mortimer Fleishhacker Sr., Anglo California National Bank; and Fred T. Elsey, American Trust Company. San Francisco's nine Clearing House banks simultaneously applied March 10, 1933, to the United States Treasury Department for permission to reopen under provisions of the national emergency bank act. They were among the first in the country, if not the first, to do so.

San Francisco

Standard Oil Company of California

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ in.

Dated March 2, 1933. Peach-colored paper was used for the \$1 denomi-

nation, pink paper for the \$5, and blue paper for the \$10. All three values are printed in black over green wavy backgrounds and borders. Denominations centered on obverse in green. Serially numbered. Signature of V.F. Palmer, treasurer. Statement on obverse: ON DEMAND, on any business day, at its office at San Francisco, California, for value received, Standard Oil Company of California promises to pay to the bearer hereof, in cash and without discount, but without interest, ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00) in lawful money of the United States. Oil well scene in oval at center of green ornamental reverse.

82. \$1. 83. \$5. 84. \$10.

San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose newspapers all stated that these "interim cash certificates" were issued to employees March 4 to provide them with a means for making purchases during the bank holiday. Philip H. Patchin, assistant to the president, explained that they were redeemable in cash and collectible through banking channels; also, that they were designed not only for convenience of the company's employees, but to relieve merchants of the necessity of granting credit or of cashing checks in large denominations. Their issuance would cease with termination of the bank holiday, Patchin said. Despite this, H.C. Judd of the treasurer's office, in a letter to Harvey L. Hansen dated March 9, 1933, stated that they never were issued. Glen M. Foster, secretary, said the scrip never was used other than on an extremely limited basis. Foster said that practically all of the scrip printed subsequently was destroyed and that today there are but one or two specimens of each denomination in existence.

San Francisco

San Francisco barter organizations other than the Natural Development Association unit were the Family Relief Society and the Unemployed Cooperative Relief Association. Both used a system of credit books or bookkeeping practices to conduct their exchanges, rather than scrip. A central council with three members from each barter group was set up to coordinate the self-help movement in San Francisco.

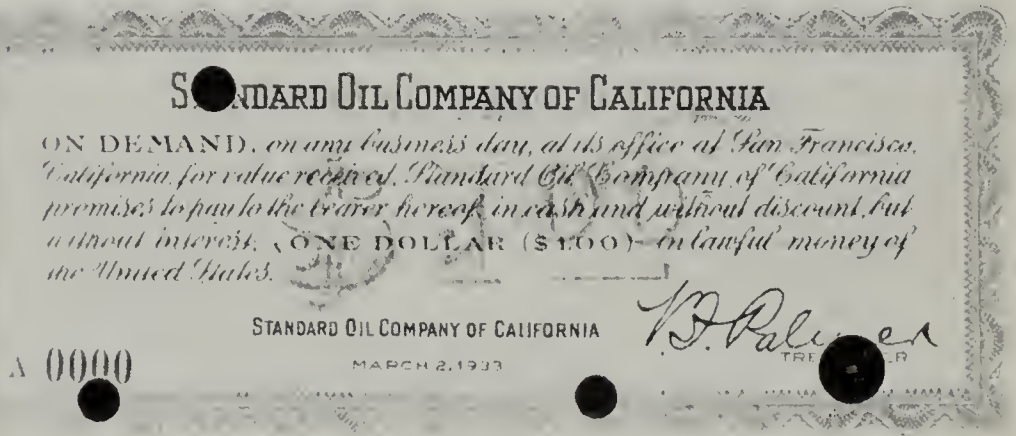
The *Family Relief Society* was organized Jan. 18, 1933, at a mass meeting held at 2584 Folsom St., which resulted in a membership of 225. Officers elected were John B. Ryan, president; W.H. Eastman, vice president; Mrs. W.H. Eastman, secretary; and Mrs. Chrystal Schueszler, publicity chairman. Ryan and Mrs. Schueszler had been president and secretary, respectively, of a smaller group of 90 unemployed before the mass meeting. Most members of this Mission District group had merged their self-help plans with the Natural Development Association by Feb. 8.

The *Unemployed Cooperative Relief Association* was organized Jan. 20, 1933, at a meeting in the fourth floor assembly room of the *San Francisco News*, 812 Mission St. The *News* had offered its facilities and columns to serve as a clearing house of ideas and news for all barter groups and to advance the barter movement in San Francisco. This 71st state unit of the UCRA elected Lee J. Holman, president; E.R. Lofgren, vice president; and Mrs. Eunice Martin, executive secretary. Mrs. Martin was the "general" in banding together this second barter

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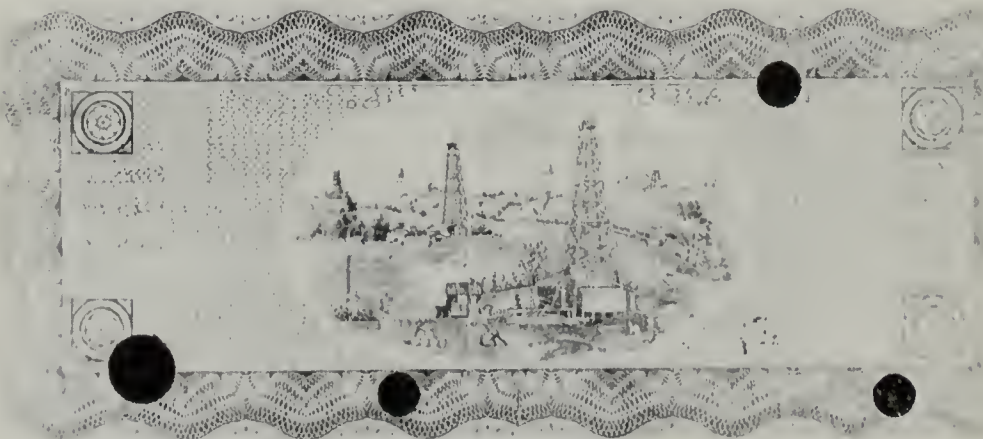


CALIFORNIA No. 81



CALIFORNIA No. 82

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World



CALIFORNIA No. 82, REVERSE

Photograph courtesy Chase Manhattan Bank Museum of Moneys of the World

PLATE 15

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING THIS CHECK

AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO. No. 121

SAN JOSE, CALIF., April 21 1937

PENSION CHECK ISSUED TO THE ORDER OF Lester H. Havel AOK 63

In accepting this Check I agree to a two cent penalty on disposal of same.

PAY ONE AND $\frac{NO}{100}$ DOLLARS \$1.00

DEPOSITS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Clearing House, 41 Grant Building
San Jose, California

Western States Division of the
AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.
F. M. Smith
Treas.

CALIFORNIA No. 85

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<u>Harold H. Havel</u>	<u>Ruth's Vogue Shoppe</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	SUNNYLAND MARKET Fruit & Veggies	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>	<u>...</u>

CALIFORNIA No. 85, STAMP-SIGNATURE PAGE

READ CAREFULLY BEFORE ACCEPTING THIS CHECK

AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO. No. 5957

SAN JOSE, CALIF., _____ 1937

BENEFIT CHECK ISSUED TO THE ORDER OF _____

In accepting this check I agree to a two cent penalty on disposal of same.

PAY ONE AND $\frac{NO}{100}$ DOLLARS \$1.00

DEPOSITS
FIRST NATIONAL BANK
Clearing House, 1115 Curtis Ave.
San Jose, California

Western States Division of the
AMERICAN REVOLVING FINANCE CO.

Treas.

CALIFORNIA No. 86

group, according to the *News*. Members at conclusion of the meeting totaled 228. By Feb. 22, membership had grown to 1449. UCRA moved Feb. 6 from 710 Ellis St. to its headquarters and temporary warehouse at 276 Fourth St. On Feb. 22 UCRA organized five of 36 planned district units.

In early February 1933, San Francisco artists set up a barter gallery in the studio of Guthrie Courtvoisier, art dealer. Payment for pictures was partly in cash and partly in goods. Approximately 60 pictures were sold or traded during the first week of a three-week show, which was termed successful. Courvoisier moved the exhibit to 339 S. First St., San Jose, Calif., March 27, adding works of San Jose artists. Gallery hours were 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Half the price of the pictures was paid in cash, half in professional services or goods.

San Jose

American Revolving Finance Company

3 x 8½ in.

Various dates, handwritten or typed, May 17, 1937, to Sept. 10, 1938. Printed in black on yellow safety type check paper. Serially numbered in black. Hand signed by F.W. Cheek, treasurer. Two types of checks were issued. A third type was printed but not used. The first (approximately 4200) bears the line PENSION CHECK ISSUED TO THE ORDER OF, including space for age, and specifies the First National Bank, 41 Grant Building, San Jose, as clearing house. The second type (approximately 1300) substitutes the word BENEFIT for PENSION, omits space for age, and designates the First National Bank, 1115 Curtis Ave., as clearing house. Second type is deeper yellow. Sans serif type was substituted for serif type in printing the second variety. Both are folded stamp-type. Inside and on back are spaces for 50 signatures and 50 2-cent orange pension stamps. Participating merchants were given sets of change cards (1½ x 2½ in.) in four denominations: 5 cents, green; 10 cents, yellow; 25 cents, blue; and 50 cents, red. GOOD FOR — CENTS IN TRADE was printed on each card, near top. Change cards, stamped by the issuing store, were good only at the store which stamped them. This assured the participating merchant of receiving \$1 in trade for each check handled.

85. \$1. Type 1.

86. \$1. Type 2.

American Revolving Finance Company

3 x 8½ in.

Undated. Printed in black on rose-beige safety type check paper. Spaces for check number, number of agreement, date of agreement, city, state, denomination, payee, name and number of club where payments were made, and treasurer's signature. There are statements on the check that a 20 per cent penalty would result from failure to write name and address of person to whom transferred and that the check would be null and void if held more than four days. On reverse are 17 lines for names of transferees. This third type was printed but not issued.

87. Various denominations to be written in. Type 3.

Frederick W. Cheek began a pension scrip plan at San Jose May 17, 1937, by "adopting" two \$25 a week pensioners. Within a year he had

increased his "payroll" to 11. Cheek mortgaged his home for \$1500, leaving the money in the First National Bank, San Jose, as collateral for the plan. His certificates, with 50 stamps affixed, actually were bank checks. Approximately 400 merchants cooperated. Each business signing into the plan purchased a minimum of 50 2-cent stamps for \$1 from Cheek, who guaranteed sales amounting to \$50. Cheek said the scrip brought merchants \$167,000 in business during the 16-month period of issue. Some scrip circulated into 1939.

TO BE CONTINUED

GANS EXHIBITS GREEK COINS

Edward Gans of Berkeley exhibited 15 groups of ancient coins of Greece for six weeks during April and May at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in Lincoln Park, San Francisco. The March-April Bulletin of the CPLH tells the story of the exhibition.

The 15 groups, each in a separate wall case, included several hundred coins in choice condition. Groups were: the Celts; Italy; Sicily; Macedonia—independent cities and the royal coinage; Thrace—cities, adjacent islands and the royal coinage; central Greece; Athens and Aegina; southern Greece; Crete and the northern part of Asia Minor; central and southern part of Asia Minor; Syria and Phoenicia; Palestine, Persia-Parthia and Bactria; Egypt; Carthage; and the Byzantine Empire.

An excellent article by Gans in the Bulletin is entitled "Greek Coins and Their Reflection of Art, History and Trade". Included are 12 engravings of Greek coins.

EDITOR GETS PROMOTION

Charles V. Kappen, *Calcoin News* editor, has been promoted to full professor, highest college academic rank. He had been associate professor of journalism since 1951. Promotion was approved by the California State Department of Education upon recommendation by Dr. John T. Wahlquist, college president.

Before coming to San Jose State College, Professor Kappen had taught at Shrivensham University, England, University of Wisconsin and University of Tulsa. He has been listed in *Who's Who in American Education* and in *Who's Who on the Pacific Coast*. He has been editor of *Calcoin News* since January 1950.

1943 CENTS WITHDRAWN

The 1943 cents, made of low-carbon steel and coated with zinc, are being disposed of. The cents were made to save copper for the war effort. The Alan Wood Steel Co., Conshohocken, Pa., melted down some 13,000 pounds of the cents, totaling about 1,250,000 pieces, in April, after receiving a shipment from the Philadelphia Mint. Steel reclaimed from the cents goes to the steel company in payment for disposing of them.

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From 1785 to 1789, coins for the independent Republic of Vermont were minted by Reuben Harmon.

SAN FRANCISCO CONVENTION

Cutlines

SEE PICTURES, NEXT PAGE

1. Lesley G. Lodge and Mrs. Dolly Ohls at registration desk.
2. Paul H. Hamm, Dan Harley and Ralph A. Mitchell.
3. Mrs. Anna Merle Panosh, Mrs. Ethel Yribarne and Mrs. Nell Jones.
4. Leonel C. Panosh, R.G. McArthur and Norman F. Pruitt.
5. R.G. and Lois McArthur, with stole.
6. Kenneth W. Lee and Mrs. Alice Redfield.
7. Dr. Calvert L. Emmons.
8. Robert C. Patterson and David L. Redfield.
9. John E. and Dolly Ohls.
10. Charles V. Kappen, *Calcoin News* editor, and Ross P. Buell, former superintendent of the San Francisco Mint.
11. Earl A. and Irene Parker.
12. T. Kirk Hill (No. 94) shops at Jerry Cohen's bourse table. William H. Stones in background.
13. R.G. McArthur presents Charles G. Colver with silver literary medal for best article in *Calcoin News* during 1958.
14. Mrs. Thelma Case, winner of best-in-show exhibit award.
15. Leo A. Young uses "V" for "Victory" sign in talking with customer. Dr. Calvert L. Emmons, center.
16. Ralph A. Mitchell introduces Miss Lauretta Holm, who joined CSNA at 23 days of age. Walter E. Holm, father, at right.
17. William N. Worth, Portland ANA convention chairman, and Lesley G. Lodge, San Francisco CSNA convention chairman.
18. Winn, Judy and Rhea Osborne.
19. Harry S. Davidson, outgoing CSNA president.
20. Miss Wilma Laehr, Mrs. Maude Davidson, Paul Mitchell, Mrs. Ruth Mitchell, Henry Mitchell and Clifford Bloom.



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Convention Scenes At San Francisco

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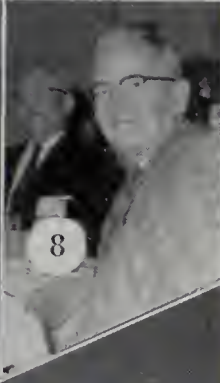


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Who's Who In California Numismatics

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BRYAN O. BURKE JR.

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By R. G. McARTHUR

"I believe that true coin collectors are the finest persons on this old earth. It is a wonderful feeling to be with them and to share their joys and disappointments. Men who come from vastly different walks of life gather together and learn from one another through their common interest in coins." These are the words of a dedicated numismatist and this is his story.

Bryan O. Burke Jr. was born May 8, 1924, in McGehee, Ark. His father, Bryan O. Burke Sr., presently resides in San Bernardino. Bryan attended grammar school in Los Angeles and San Bernardino, being graduated from San Bernardino High School.

Burke attended college at San Bernardino Valley College, University of Redlands and University of California at Riverside, acquiring A.A. and B.A. degrees. He has completed work for his degree of master of arts in history and, being a true numismatist, his thesis subject is "California Pioneer Gold Coinage". While in college, he won life membership in two honor societies.

During World War II, Bryan saw service in the United States Marine Corps. "Picked up some coins in the South Pacific along with jungle rot, prickly heat, shells and thorns," he said.

On June 1, 1946, Bryan Burke was married to Barbara Bailey, a school-days sweetheart. They have three children, Sue Ellen, 12; Mary Elizabeth, 10; and Bryan III, 8. With the help of Barbara and the children, Bryan returned to school, finishing in



1958. He now teaches social studies at his alma mater, San Bernardino High School.

Burke was introduced to numismatics in 1938 by Bill Craig, now an authority on Germanic coinages. "We spent our nickels on coins in the antique stores of Pasadena. We must have bought our coins wisely because we still have some of the coins we purchased then," he said.

When questioned about collecting preferences, Bryan replied, "I collect any historical coins, and what coin is not historical? Therefore, guess I collect all coins. My favorite ones are those which combine history and give one moral lessons. Such coins are the satirical coins of Napoleon III, counterstamped coins, money of necessity and coins which defy a mortal. No collector, of course, should ignore the current coins of the United States and of the world. I am proud of my set of walking liberty halves, which I completed out of circulation, and my album of twentieth century foreign coins." In addition to coins, he also collects historical pictures, relics and history books.

No. 1 member and first president

of the San Bernardino County Coin Club, organized in 1948, Bryan Burke affectionately is known as "daddy of the club". He has, since its organization, served the club in other capacities and at present is its program chairman. He has served the American Numismatic Association as club representative and as a member of the Heath Literary Awards committee. Service to the California State Numismatic Association includes an outstanding job as general chairman of the recent Riverside convention. He also is a member of the San Bernardino County Historical Society and is county numismatic curator.

Always a willing exhibitor at local meetings and at state and national conventions, Bryan has won, among other awards, second individual prize in the 1953 National Coin Week competition sponsored by the ANA, first and second place ribbons at CSNA conventions, and three trophies from the National Orange Show hobby ex-

hibits. His article on the Columbian half dollar, "The Neglected Coin", has appeared in **Calcoin News** and a paper on the origin of coins, which was submitted to the ANA at the Los Angeles convention, will be published in either the June or July issue of **The Numismatist**. In addition, he has written numerous articles for newspapers and other publications. An able and willing speaker, as well as writer, Bryan is assisted in no small degree by his rather extensive library. It consists mostly of books on history, but includes many coin books, a filing cabinet full of numismatic clippings and a file of **The Numismatist**, complete from 1938 to date.

According to Charles G. Colver, he (Bryan Burke) is "a considered expert on most fields of numismatics, especially foreign and ancient. Many members seek him out for advice and attribution. Just an all-around good guy".

Why Don't You Exhibit?

Two nights before the ANA convention opened in San Francisco in 1949, my wife and I were visiting a friend who proudly showed us the exhibit of coins he had prepared to show at that convention. When I was enthusiastic about it, he said to me, "Why don't you exhibit?" I replied that I had been collecting for only three years, that I had no rarities, no especially curious pieces, no beautiful gold coins — only a few minor United States and some foreign coins, nothing outstanding. He said, "Try it anyway, you'll have fun trying. It doesn't cost anything, and you might win something."

Our conversation started me to thinking, and by the time we arrived home that night I had an idea for an exhibit — "Commemorative Coins of the World". We spent the greater part of the next two nights working on it and when the convention opened I entered an exhibit, just for fun, mind you — I had no thought of winning. When awards were announced, however, I had won third prize — a white ribbon presented by Numismatic Galleries. I was mighty proud of it and also was happy that I had taken part.

Almost immediately we made plans to take our vacation so that we could attend the Milwaukee convention next year. We planned another exhibit, worked on it, bought the coins needed, and entered it. This time, a second award. Since then I have been an enthusiast of competitive exhibits. I have won a few times, lost a few times; but whether I won or lost, I gained much in knowledge and experience and enjoyed every minute of it. For my efforts I have won four firsts, four seconds, two thirds, a trophy and a medal. In addition, I have served on several awards committees, which in itself is an experience, no matter how you look at it.

To me, competitive exhibiting is the heart of the coin convention, the very nucleus around which all other activities revolve. Here you meet the other collectors exhibiting their particular interests; here you see coins that you otherwise could only dream of owning; here you see coins on exhibit that you never knew existed; here your hobby gets a firmer grip on you.

I also believe that coin dealers should take part and make every effort to encourage others to exhibit.

I was very happy about the action of the awards committee at the Riverside convention (Stewart Bingham, M.H. Bolender and Fred E. Draper). They added a new class, a class for coin dealers, something which should have been done long ago. There has been much controversy about coin dealers exhibiting competitively with collectors, it being the contention that coin dealers usually have access to much better classes of material (usually in transit from one collector to another and representing no investment on the dealer's part). It has been argued that from the standpoint of rarity, value or beauty, it would be impossible for the collector to compete against them. These pieces are an attraction to all collectors and should be put on exhibit whenever possible. I, therefore, hail this new class as a much needed improvement in our program, and believe that henceforth it should be a permanent part of it. In this way the dealers can compete in their own class without a feeling of unfair competition.

It should be realized that such rarities as are in the Kagin Reference Collection of United States rari-

ties, the J.V. McDermott 1913 Liberty nickel which he always makes available for exhibit when requested, and many others, have been of untold value in adding interest and attraction to these shows. These should not go unrewarded. If this class is included in our program it will have a tendency to attract many wonderful exhibits which in effect have been barred heretofore.

Competitive exhibiting stimulates and broadens the collector; it excites interest in the hobby; it encourages collectors to branch out from one narrow phase to include two or more fields, sometimes, in their collecting interests, and it also stimulates sales. Every numismatist, therefore, no matter what his interest, should take part in these exhibits at various times.

Fellow collectors, dealers, experts and novices, would **you** like to get more out of your hobby? Would **you** enjoy the thrill of good, friendly competition? Would **you** help to make our conventions better shows? If so — why don't **you** exhibit?

—JOHN E. OHLS.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, APRIL 1959

Balance from March 31, 1959.....\$3,012.47

Receipts:

Dues	\$ 35.00	
		35.00

Disbursements:

Coast Engraving Co.	\$ 25.72	
Coast Engraving Co.	11.86	
		37.58

Balance on hand before San Francisco convention\$3,009.89

Receipts during convention:

135 banquet tickets @ \$5.00.....	\$ 675.00	
169 registrations @ \$2.00.....	338.00	
33 breakfast tickets @ \$2.60.....	85.80	
1 1958 dues @ \$2.00.....	2.00	
10 1959 dues @ \$3.00.....	30.00	
21 new members @ \$4.00.....	84.00	
43 bourse spaces @ \$27.50.....	1,182.50	
1 bourse space @ \$20.00.....	20.00	
		2,417.30

Disbursements during and following convention:

Secretary's convention expenses.....	\$ 50.00	
Editor's convention expenses.....	50.00	
E.A. Parker, cards.....	18.72	
E.A. Parker, door prizes.....	22.50	
John Ohls, banquet prizes.....	27.25	
Bellevue Hotel, breakfasts and banquets.....	736.08	
Erich Werling, cases.....	54.00	
Globe Printing Co., programs.....	87.36	
L.G. Lodge, miscellaneous expenses.....	104.49	
Monarch Gold Leaf Printing Co.	62.19	
John Ohls, transportation, cases.....	5.69	
Editor's expenses, Calcoin News.....	12.50	
C.V. Kappen for Bear Photo Service.	7.44	
Winn Osborne, postage.....	8.70	
		1,246.92

Balance on hand April 30, 1959.....**\$4,180.27**

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, MAY 1959

Balance from April 30, 1959.....**\$4,180.27**

Receipts:

Donald L. Rhodes, S.F. Auction.....	\$350.00	
		350.00

Disbursements:

Coast Engraving Co.	\$ 18.44	
Globe Printing Co.	267.40	
Ireland Direct Mail	40.17	
Alys Emmons, photographic expenses.....	4.16	
Pinkertons Natl. Detective Agency.....	162.00	
		492.17

Balance on hand May 31, 1959.....**\$4,038.10**

T. KIRK HILL

Secretary's Report

NEW MEMBERS

960	BILLINGS, C.W. Jr.	1701 N. Broadway, Santa Maria, Calif.
964	HEDDING, Julian R.	1420 E. 22nd St., National City, Calif.
965	HELLER, Henri N.	5611 Cambury, Temple City, Calif.
963	HILTON, Hunter R.	P.O. Box 515, Inglewood, Calif.
961	KAPLAN, M.L.	550 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N.Y.
966	LESSIN, Harry M.	Box 59, South Norwalk, Conn.
959	McDANIEL, Thomas R. ..	5255 Guessman, La Mesa, Calif.
962	MIAMI RARE COIN CO., William Fox Steinberg.....	2045 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla.

REINSTATEMENTS

267	PASADENA COIN CLUB, Sam Miclean, Sec.	1115 Valencia Way, Arcadia, Calif.
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ADDRESS CHANGES

947	BECKERS, Gerald W.	P.O. Box 342, San Bruno, Calif.
885	BRUCE, William G.	1004 Eastwood Ave., Ashtabula, Ohio
884	GROTH, Duane G.	1280 Alvarado Ave., Pacifico, Calif.
892	SANTA CRUZ COIN CLUB.....	P.O. Box 217, East Santa Cruz Sta., Santa Cruz, Calif.
919	WOODBURN, Helen.....	14664 Polk St., Sylmar, Calif.

WINN OSBORNE

Ruby Collection Displayed

One of the finest and most complete collections of United States coins ever exhibited on the West Coast appeared at the recent Los Angeles convention of the Numismatic Association of Southern California. Many cases were used to contain the large exhibit, beautifully mounted in custom-made plastic holders with descriptive lettering. Nearly all coins were in choice uncirculated or proof condition. Not only were all collectible dates and mint marks in the U.S. series present, but specimens of most major varieties were on display, together with select pattern coins illustrating design development of several denominations.

Numismatists who have examined the famous Eliasberg collection commented that here was a collection equaling if not exceeding the Eliasberg collection with respect to completeness, quality and varieties. Dr. Ruby says, though, that his collection is missing a handful of unique and rare items.

From morning until night, convention guests crowded around the fabulous collection, closely examining the display. Everything was there — dates, mint marks, varieties — quarter dollars, 1796 to date; dimes, 1796 to date; half dimes and nickels, 1794 to date; obsolete three- and two-cent pieces, complete; Stellas; Panama Pacific Exposition set; commemoratives; etc. The remarkable condition of the many priceless specimens surprised the veteran collector. The overdates were sharp and clear; each change in design features, whether major or minor, was evident from numerous pieces. Beautiful gem coins of rare dates and seldom seen varieties abounded in the display.

This impressive array of coins is the proud possession of Dr. Charles L. Ruby, who has followed the numismatic hobby for 40 years. Dr. Ruby teaches economics and law at Fullerton College and is widely known in numismatic circles. He states that his collection contains all United States coins listed in Yeoman's red **Guide Book**, except eight uncollectible or unique specimens.

Dr. Ruby's display also includes a group of freaks and mint errors, which leaves one with the impression that there were times when some-

body "goofed" or, perhaps, the mint went "crazy". There are dimes struck on copper cent planchets; cents struck on dime planchets; quarters on nickel and half dollar planchets; half dollars on quarter planchets. A complete set of blank planchets adds further interest.

There were included in the display many interesting oddities such as three 1878 silver dollars in proof and uncirculated condition. These dollars have 11, 12 and 13 tail feathers on the eagle, respectively. It may be recalled that the **Guide Book** lists 7, 8, and 7 over 8 tail feathers. But there they were, clear and precise, with no signs of alteration — apparently genuine mint products.

Asked which series he enjoys collecting most, Dr. Ruby stated that the old large copper cents come nearest to being his favorite. Here, he said, he has selected and assembled all the dates and varieties listed in Dr. Sheldon's authoritative book, **Early American Cents**, except three varieties. Furthermore, he has some varieties not listed in Sheldon's book. He also has more than 100 die states alone of the 1793 cent, exclusive of the strawberry leaf variety. His collection contains more than 1000 die states of various other large cent varieties.

Dr. Ruby has spared neither time nor money in running down choice specimens during the last 40 years, and his collection contains items from nearly every big name collection offered for sale during the period. Many of his pieces are among the finest known. "I am always broke buying coins," he said, "and if it were not for a lucky break with some oil property, I never would have been able to put the collection together."

Dr. Ruby believes in developing and sharing his numismatic knowledge. Most Southern California clubs have heard him talk on a variety of numismatic subjects. He belongs to the ANA, CSNA, and several regional and local numismatic organizations, being a charter member of many. Recently he served as president of the Numismatic Association of Southern California and the Long Beach Coin Club. He also has served on the Board of Governors of the ANA.

—Charles M. Johnson.

Club News, Views and Whos

SOUTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By CHARLES M. JOHNSON

Two large coin exhibits in Southern California were viewed by capacity crowds during April and May.

The first of these displays was at the National Orange Show, April 23-May 3, in San Bernardino, under the sponsorship of the San Bernardino County Coin Club. Twenty-three individual exhibitors participated, to fill 50 feet of well-lighted display cases with a wide assortment of numismatic material. An estimated 25,000 people examined the exhibit. **J.V. McDermott** lent his 1913 Liberty Head nickel for the exhibit. **Eugene Cooper** of San Diego won best-in-show award for his exhibit, "Beginning of Coinage".

Other exhibitors included: **W.V. Barrett**, type coins of world; **Bryan Burke**, Chinese knife money; **Fred Altstadt**, Canadian; **Charles Colver**, miscellaneous; **Irvin Crane**, Confederate paper money; **Jerry Carsman**, "Coins for Profit"; **Dr. C.L. Emmons**, medals and so-called dollars; **Dewey Eastman**, Roman coinage of the Twelve Caesars; **W.R. Fanning**, Civil War shinplasters; **N.H. Griggs**, United States; **Lloyd Blue**, types of \$1 and \$2 currency; **Dan Harley**, Mexican gold and silver types and U.S. gold and silver types; **Jerry Tracewell**, U.S. minor coins; **Norman Starges**, crowns of the world; and **John Yribarne**, Biblical coins.

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The second exhibit was made by the Long Beach Coin Club and Douglas Numismatic Society at the annual Long Beach Hobby Show. This Long Beach area event attracted 42 hobby clubs and 50 individual hobbyists, many being turned away for lack of space. Some 54,059 visitors were clocked during the four-day run, with a substantial number viewing the coin exhibit, asking questions of exhibit hosts, and inquiring about coin collecting. Twenty-one cases were displayed. **Louis Zumwalt** won best-in-show award with his "General Exhibit", with close competition from **Henry Cutting**, **Len Back**, **Carl Quigley**, **Douglas Campbell**, **Abel Sampson** and **Ida Mae Griffin**.

The next large Southern California public coin exhibits are scheduled for the Los Angeles and San Diego county fairs. Last year marked the first coin exhibit at the Los Angeles fair, but coins have been exhibited at the San Diego fair for years.

West Valley Coin Club celebrated its fourth birthday in March with a well-attended Sunday afternoon party and meeting. Members of the Southern Hub Coin Club, Inglewood, were special guests. Door prizes included a \$10 gold piece and the auction featured uncirculated, gold and proof coins. **Aloys "Nick" Nicholson** addressed the party on "Commemorative Coins", his specialty. Featured during the party were many fine exhibits of coins: **Mary E. Newell**, "U.S. Coins Through the Ages", won best-in-show award; **Erma Stevens**, Mexican coins; **Ruth Johnson**, U.S. commemorative coins and literature; **Karl Brainard**, Indian money from Mexico; **Virginia Culver**, U.S. coins; **Dan Crabb**, U.S. cents; **Harold Donald**, ancient coins, with a description of each being clipped from "Believe It or Not" newspaper articles; **Ann Miller**, coins and stamps; **Clay Reed**, complete sets Lincoln and Indian cents; **Tom Thompson**, U.S. coins; **Lucky Wollard**, U.S. type sets; and **Pat Zabel**, Central America coins.

Dan Harley, program chairman for the Orange County Coin Club, gave the April meeting program. His subject was a travelog of his recent trip through the mother lode section of California, which took him from Auburn to Mariposa. He described many of the places where pioneer gold miners of California mined their gold and also where some of the early pioneer gold pieces were struck. An outstanding U.S. type set of gold and a nearly complete set of early silver coins were displayed. **William Spence**, collector-of-the-month, gave a short talk on his display of coins of Mexico, his specialty.

BRYAN BURKE ON MEDALS

February meeting of Orange County Coin Club featured a talk by **Bryan Burke** of San Bernardino. Standing before a superbly mounted display of medals struck by the United States Mint, "Professor" Burke professed that he did not consider himself as much of an expert on the art of making and collecting medals but that he was perhaps more proficient in collecting and relating the history behind the people and events pictured on them. On this premise, he turned first to the set of presidential medals and selected for discussion those of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, whose birthdays are nationally honored in February. After drawing a thumbnail sketch of the lives of these two immortal Americans, the speaker delighted his audience with humorous stories concerning them. Continuing in the same vein, Thomas Jefferson and Ulysses S. Grant were chosen from other illustrious American presidents for vignette treatment.

From presidential medals the speaker turned to medals of American heroes and picked for description the medal of Commodore Matthew Perry, who is said to have been known best for opening the door to Japan in 1852 for American trade and travel.

Attention then was given to medals commemorating great events in American history, as, for example, the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, celebrated by the ceremony of driving the final Golden Spike.

Reference also was made to medals of secretaries of the treasury and directors of the mint. Although these persons are of less importance in the light of history, their badge of office designated a close relationship to the subject of designing, engraving and striking commemorative objects such as medals and money.

Los Angeles Coin Club's May meeting, with 251 present, featured showing of a film on counterfeiting and duties of the U.S. Secret Service. Afterward, **Bill Hogue**, member of the Los Angeles club's board of directors, talked on "Counterfeits". "The best way to tell if a bill is counterfeit," he said, "is to compare it with one known to be genuine." He described the two most common ways of making counterfeit coins. Many

years ago the penalty for counterfeiting was burning at the stake or having one's hands cut off. For turning in a counterfeiter in the past, unusual rewards were made, such as exemption for life from taxes and freedom for a slave. Today, counterfeiting is more prevalent in paper money than coins. Speaker also exhibited his own personal collection of counterfeit coins.

Henry Clifford spoke on "Early California Gold" at the April meeting of the Los Angeles Coin Club and exhibited gold coins, nuggets and rarities. Reviewing the history of the gold rush days, he said, "Gold dust and nuggets were not the handiest form of currency. Since drinks sold for so much a pinch, bartenders with large fingers were much in demand! And, of course, if any of the dust happened to cling to the fingers, it was a simple thing to wipe them off on the inside of the pants pocket; then, at the end of the day, simply to brush out the inside of the pocket for "extra" salary. The Mormons were the first to coin gold in the West in 1848. The San Francisco Mint was established in 1854.

DOWN SAN DIEGO WAY

San Diego Numismatic Society's recent Bulletin reviewed the society's achievements for the past 22 years. Founded in 1937 under the leadership of **Dr. Bruce Wallace**, its first president, the club has grown from a small group to the present 212 paid-up members, with an average meeting attendance of more than 100 during the past year.

The club and its members have established an impressive record by hosting two CSNA state conventions, winning awards in ANA National Coin Week competition, starting an annual six-club Coinarama in San Diego area; placing many fine individual exhibits each year at the County Fair; capturing many ANA and CSNA convention exhibit awards, getting out 96 individual displays at club meetings last year and letting everyone know something is happening numismatically down San Diego way.

MAY CLUB SPEAKERS

Anna M. Panosh, San Diego Numismatic Society, "Orders and Decorations"; and **Charles Colver**, Long Beach Coin Club, "English Coins, Why Not?".

WHITEHEAD WITHDRAWS

Earl Whitehead of Los Angeles announced April 24 his decision to decline nomination for board of governors of the ANA, and support the candidacies of Robert McArthur for the board and Herbert Bergen for second vice-president.

In taking this step, Whitehead stated, "My personal feeling was that ANA members could support both McArthur and me as board candidates. I have been advised, however, that some feel my candidacy might impair McArthur's chances of being elected. I have no desire to affect his campaign adversely. I am supporting McArthur's candidacy and I hope that my friends will work for his election and that of Herbert Bergen, candidate for second vice-president."

APRIL CLUB SPEAKERS

W.R. "Bill" Fanning, Culver City Coin Club, "Paper Money"; **Herbert Bergen**, San Bernardino County Coin Club, "Overdates"; **Francis Smith**, San Diego Numismatic Society, "Insurance for Your Coin Collection"; **Dr. Curtis Paxman**, Long Beach Coin Club, "Canadian Coins"; **George Bennett**, Norwalk California Coin Club, "Ancient Coins"; and **William Craig**, West Valley Coin Club, "German Coins".

HERE AND THERE

A forum composed of **Clyde Grimm**, "Slim" **Dunbar** and **A.E. Nicholson** answered questions relating to coin collecting at the April meeting of the San Fernando Coin Club. . . . Culver City Coin Club has changed its meetings to the second

Thursday of each month and now meets at Culver City Women's Club, 3835 Watseka Ave., Culver City. . . . Ryan Coin Club of San Diego, suffering from growing pains with 113 paid-up members, is seeking larger and more adequate quarters. . . . San Diego Numismatic Society will celebrate its twenty-third anniversary in June. The club's president, **Paul Hamm**, appeared on the "Margie" show on Radio Station KGB in April and talked about numismatics. . . . The San Gabriel Valley Coin Club plans to hold a picnic for members of all area clubs Sunday, June 21.

One of Southern California's pre-eminent coin club auctioneers is **George Bennett**, who officiates monthly at the San Fernando and Los Angeles club auctions, and occasionally at other clubs as guest auctioneer. George is so outstanding at crying coin auctions that everyone listening to him concludes he is a professional, for he has all their mannerisms and chatter. He is strictly an amateur, however, and has never held a professional auction in his life. He can mumble, like a tobacco auctioneer, and his resonant voice stands out above interference. He encourages the timid bidder and whets competition among buyers. Some club members would rather listen to him than buy coins, so they just sit through the auctions. Others enjoy his random attribution and grading of coins during the auction. After five years as Los Angeles club auctioneer, he still thoroughly enjoys this phase of his numismatic hobby. To see George in action, attend a Los Angeles Coin Club meeting.

NORTH OF THE TEHACHAPIS

By **DOROTHY E. BEAULIEU**

EATON WINS AWARD

Gilbert D. Eaton, executive director of the Oakland Boys Clubs, was presented the "Golden Achievement Award" during the recent Chicago meeting of the Boys Clubs of America's national council. The award, for Eaton's service to youngsters from the Boys Clubs Professional Association, brought the comment from **Charles Murphy**, association president, "Eaton's 34 years of service to the Boys Clubs of America represent

the highest ideals of dedicated service to boys, and we are proud to honor him for his achievement."

COIN CIRCUS OCT. 25

The annual Coin Circus, jointly sponsored by the Delta Coin Club of Stockton and the Sacramento Coin Club, has been rescheduled to Oct. 25. This change was made to avoid conflict with the East Bay Coin Club's Oakland Coinival, scheduled for Oct. 11.

Members of the Sacramento Valley Coin Club joined in observance of National Coin Week with a gala open house celebration. This event also was in honor of the club's new permanent quarters, opened to the public for the first time throughout the week. The new headquarters at 5383 Franklin Boulevard will be manned by members of the club and will present several interesting displays of coins from all parts of the world, coin display aids and many interesting facts about the coins themselves.

After only three years as a locally established organization, the Sacramento Valley Coin Club has become one of the very few, if not the only club of its kind, to establish permanent quarters which will be available to the public every evening of the week for the purpose of answering any questions or to assist in the development of coin collecting. This is an advancement of which every member is justly proud.

As part of their participation in National Coin Week, members of the Sacramento Valley Coin Club made an appearance on KBET-TV.

The San Jose Coin Club held its 13th anniversary dinner meeting at the Garden City Hofbrau. **Mabel D. Patterson** of Daly City spoke on "Medals of Honor". There were 37 members and guests present.

David L. Redfield of San Francisco addressed the club on "Communion Tokens" at the May meeting. Redfield explained that these tokens were issued by various churches, showing the preparedness of parishioners to partake of communion.

The Pacific Coast Numismatic Society held its April meeting at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, San Francisco. ANA slides on American colonial coins were shown by **David Redfield**, with **Alice Redfield** as narrator. Displays featured colonial coins and currency. **Cmdr. H.F. Bowker** reported on his work at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., as consultant on East Asian coinages.

The PCNS May meeting featured Canadian coins. **Dennis Olswang** spoke on the history of Canadian coinage up to the present time. **George C. Ruge**, former pressroom foreman of the San Francisco Mint, spoke briefly on the importance of

preserving the second S.F. Mint, located at 5th and Mission Sts., as a museum. It contains an original gold press, still intact and desirable as a museum piece.

The first annual banquet and installation of officers of the Southern Pacific Coin Club was held in April. Officers are **Des Sekany**, president; **Bill Pritchard**, vice-president; **Bert Atkins**, recording secretary; **Marvin Ellentuck**, treasurer; **Lynn Farrar**, corresponding secretary; **Myron Rosser**, sergeant-at-arms; and **Maurice Deffenbaugh**, librarian. **Milo Whitlatch** showed an excellent display of paper money and **Bill Pritchard** exhibited gold coins of various types.

The May meeting was held in the 11th floor conference room of the General Office. **Bert Atkins** spoke on Territorial Gold and Private Mintages and a short movie from the Treasury Department was shown.

The Santa Cruz Coin Club held an election of officers at its April 13 meeting. **Oliver Combs** will be president; **Arthur Edmans**, vice-president; **Elvin Huchins**, second vice-president and treasurer; **Arthur Warner**, secretary and **Gilbert Nickols**, librarian-historian. **Fred Lenzi**, **Ted Gray**, **Earl Imloy** and **F.C. Olander** were elected to the board of governors.

Regular meeting of the Liberty Numismatic Society of San Mateo was held at 8 p.m. May 28 at the San Mateo Boys Club, 200 N. Quebec St., San Mateo. Exhibitors: **Robert Simms**, gold nuggets; **Roy Hill**, pieces of eight; **John Thulin**, 1923 dollar; **Robert Gard**, gold and silver Mexican pesos. Visitors were **John Fies** of San Carlos and **R.L. Wilson** of San Mateo. **Stuart Denton** was appointed to inquire into possibilities of a club display at the San Mateo Floral Fiesta. Club officers are **Roy Hill**, president; **Robert Simms**, vice-president; and **Mrs. Phyllis A. Gard**, 435 Voelker Dr., San Matco, secretary.

HAYWARD AREA COIN FAIR

The Hayward Area Coin Club will hold its all-day Coin Fair July 26. There will be bourse and a 200-lot auction. **George R. Squires** will be auctioneer. The club now meets twice monthly on second Mondays and fourth Fridays.

The Liberty Numismatic Society of San Mateo announces the election of the following officers: **Roy Hill**, president; **Robert L. Simms**, vice-president; **Phyllis A. Gard**, secretary. Their meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month at the San Mateo Boys Club, 200 North Quebec St., San Mateo.

The East Bay Coin Club celebrated its 11th anniversary at the April meeting. There were 47 members and 23 guests present. **R.G. McArthur**, the club's first president, and **Edward Fogler**, also a charter member, spoke briefly on the club's early beginnings. **Walter Morris** conducted a numismatic quiz.

Seventy-five members and guests attended the May meeting of the East Bay Coin Club. This was the first meeting to be held in the club's new quarters at Bjornson Hall, 2258 MacArthur Blvd. in Oakland. **R.G. McArthur** spoke on "Trade Dollars of the World". **Don Thrall** was awarded the plaque for 1958 "Member of the Year".

SHELDON ON LARGE CENTS

Dr. William Sheldon of Chicago, author of **Early American Cents** and **Penny Whimsy**, will be guest speaker at the July 10 meeting of the East Bay Coin Club, Oakland.



East Bay Coin Club, Oakland, went "all out" during National Coin Week, placing exhibits in Oakland and nearby cities. In the photograph, made when the Oakland mayor issued a National Coin Week proclamation, are, left to right, **R.J. (Jack) Frost**, corresponding secretary; **Gilbert D. Eaton**, past president; **Lewis A. Moorman**, board member and National Coin Week chairman for 1958 and 1959; and **Clifford E. Rishell**, mayor of Oakland. The mayor's proclamation to the citizens of Oakland: GREETINGS! Coin collecting as a hobby is age-old and one of the most fascinating in the world, enjoyed by people of all ages and positions in life. In addition to being an interesting and enjoyable pastime, coin collecting has proved its educational worth by inspiring interest in the historical and geographical origin of the coins. This year marks the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Lincoln Penny and as Mayor of the City of Oakland I am pleased to designate the week April 12-18 as "National Coin Week" and urge our citizens to join in saluting the numismatists of our community. Sincerely, **Clifford E. Rishell**, Mayor.

NATIONAL COIN WEEK

San Jose Coin Club members placed exhibits in the San Jose City Library during National Coin Week. Two 10-foot display cases were used.

Exhibitors were **Rudy Gjurovich**: Confederate bills, Texas half dollars in plastic, \$3 bill, Heppner, Ore., sheepskin scrip, Willapa Harbor oyster money, hard times tokens, merchants cards and U.S. proof sets; **William Stones**: ancient Roman coins, U.S. commemorative half dollars, medals, wooden money, hard times tokens, modern foreign and U.S. half cents, large cents, nickels and quarters; **Kirby W. Brown**: Babylonian clay tablet, Aztec scraper money, boar's tusk, cowries, wampum, ancient Chinese coins, Greek and Roman silver coins, and early English and French coins; **Charles V. Kappen**, Irish gunmoney, U.S. cent errors, Roman sales tax money, Japanese harpoon money, and Chinese bridge, knife, pu and arrow point money and fish-shaped coins; **George F. Hodges**: "Evolution of the Penny", including coins and tokens of Biblical times to present. English tokens and U.S. Colonial, hard times and civil war tokens were present.

SAVE THE 'S' MINT

A public meeting was held in San Francisco Feb. 18 to obtain views on what to do with the second of three "S" Mint buildings, the one which was located at the corner of Fifth and Mission Sts., 1874-1937.

The Department of the Interior, under the Historic Sites Act of 1935, is charged with determining what sites or buildings are of exceptional value in commemorating the history of the U.S. It is national policy to preserve historical buildings of national importance.

Those opposed to preservation of the building want the site for commercial interests.

Coin clubs soon may be asked to join in the move to preserve the building for mint museum purposes.

Some mint machinery, including a gold press, is available for the museum, should the building be saved.

The May 5 meeting was "Other Hobbies Night" for the Hanford Coin Club, which meets at the Hotel Whilston in Hanford.

DONALD L. RHODES DIES

Donald L. Rhodes, coin dealer and auctioneer of Vallejo, Calif., died in a Vallejo hospital May 30 of pneumonia, which followed an attack of asthma. Rhodes conducted the recent CSNA and PNNA convention auctions.

Roy Hill addressed the June 3 meeting of the Vallejo Numismatic Society on "Numismatic Oddities". Odd and curious media were exhibited. Officers for 1959, installed at the May banquet meeting by **R.G. McArthur** of Oakland, are: **Wayne Wilcox**, president; **Maxine Hopperstad**, vice-president; and **Enla Kossoff**, secretary. Others from out of town besides McArthur were **Clifford L. Liss**, **John E. Ohls** and **Roy Hill**.

CLUB CHANGES NAME

Name of the El Napa Coin Club has been changed officially to Lindsay Coin Club. Next San Joaquin Valley convention, sponsored by the club, will be held Oct. 4 in Lindsay. The auction will be held from 2 to 8 p.m. Consignees should send their material to **Ronnie Carr**, P.O. Box 1113, Tulare, Calif.

Officers for 1959 are **Jasper Jenzen**, president; **Jay Coleman**, vice-president; **J.O. Nations**, secretary-treasurer; **Robert Vaughn**, membership chairman; **Ronnie Carr**, auctioneer; **Earl Lively**, corresponding secretary; and **Ronnie Carr** (chairman), **Jasper Jenzen**, **Jay Coleman**, **J.O. Nations**, **Robert Vaughn** and **Henry Cagel**, board members. Secretary's address is P.O. Box 898, Lindsay, Calif.

MASLENIKOV'S IN EUROPE

Oleg A. Maslenikov, author of "Broad Overstrike Rubles of Elizabeth, 1742", an article which appears elsewhere in this magazine, vacationed with his family in Continental Europe for six weeks, returning home June 15.

Peninsula Coin Club officers for 1959 will be **Walter Morris**, president; **W.H. Kennedy**, vice-president; and **Roy Hill**, secretary.

"Rummaging With Our Junk Coins" was the theme for the April meeting. The May meeting scheduled a showing of "My Oldest Coin and Why It Interests Me".